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Appl. No. : 09/933,415
Applicant(s) : Charilaos Dalkidis et al.
Filed : August 20, 2001
Title: APPARATUS FOR TREATING OBJECTS
TC/A.U. : 1743
Examiner : Lyle Alexander
Docket No. : 37105.0033

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney for Applicants thanks the Examiner for conducting a courteous and constructive telephone interview in the above-identified application on April 20, 2005 at 10:00 AM EST. This summarizes the outcome of the interview as it is understood by the undersigned attorney.

Based on the interview, it was determined that the Examiner will conduct additional searching with specific attention to locating disclosure of a modular station for an automatic stainer.

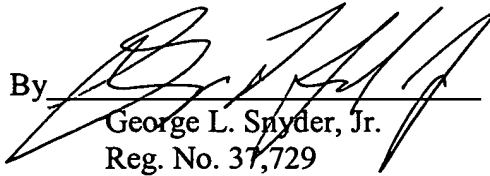
The Examiner will revisit the issue of double-patenting in view of Applicants' position that the claims of application serial nos. 09/932,900; 09/793,199; 09/932,889; and 10/011,674 are patentably distinct from the claims in the present application despite overlap in disclosure of the applications. As part of this, the Examiner will review the claims in the other applications.

The Examiner expects to issue an Office Action in another month or so based on the further examination activities mentioned above.

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